

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) In the workshop on "Legal and Procedural Impediments in Housing and Urban Development" organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry on the 30th July, 1996 in New Delhi, a suggestion in this regard was put forward.

(b) to (e). No such proposal is under the consideration of Government. Although housing is basically a State level activity, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments to meet housing requirement for various target groups, by providing financial assistance under several Central and Centrally sponsored schemes. The Government do not envisage any appreciable benefit to accrue by including 'housing' in the Concurrent List.

Land Oustees

829. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the NHPC has acquired agriculture land of local rural people for its projects in Bihar;

(b) whether there is a provision to employ these people whose land has been required by the authority for the purpose;

(c) if so, the number of such people who have been appointed in these projects so far;

(d) whether compensation has been given to the land oustees;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) NHPC has acquired 47.47 acres of agricultural land from local people out of the total land requirement of 56019.60 acres for Koel Karo Hydro-electric Project in Bihar.

(b) and (c). Provision exists for employment of land oustees of Koel Karo Project under the State employment of Bihar as per the rehabilitation package approved by the Supreme Court. So far 70 oustees have been given employment.

(d) to (f). Yes, Sir. An amount of Rs. 7.00 lakhs was distributed to the land owners as compensation during 1985 for the 47.47 acres of land acquired so far by NHPC.

Mukta Panna Oil Field

830. SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of firms who have submitted their tenders for development of proven oil wells in Bombay High, namely Mukta Panna Oil and Ravva Oil wells in the Godawari offshore;

(b) whether the said wells were classified as low in field at the time of inviting tenders and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of the firms to whom the contracts were awarded alongwith the terms and conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) The name of firms who submitted their bids for development of Mukta, Panna and Ravva oil fields are given below :

Name of company/consortium	Field
1	2
Reliance Industries Ltd., India, Enron Exploration Company, USA.	Panna
Reliance Industries Ltd., India, Enron Exploration Company, USA.	Mukta
Hyundai Heavy Industries, South Korea, Essar Oil Ltd., India	Panna + Mukta (Joint)
Dan Offshore Energy Corporation (DOEC), USA Albion International Resources, USA.	
Hindustan Oil Exploration Company (HOEC), India.	Panna
Hindustan Oil Exploration Company (HOEC), India	Mukta + Panna (Joint).
Essar Oil Limited, India	Panna
Bombay Offshore Supplies and Services (BOSS), India, Kalyani Steel Ltd., India.	Panna
Bombay Offshore Supplies and Services (BOSS), India, Kalyani Steel, Ltd., India.	Mukta

Two of the bids were for joint development of Panna and Mukta while other bids were for Panna and Mukta fields separately.

Name of company/consortium	Field
Petronas Carigali, Malaysia	Ravva
Hindustan Oil Exploration Company (HOEC), India.	
Occidental, USA, Essar, India	
Videocon, India, Command	

1	2
Petroleum, Australia, Marubeni, Japan.	
Tata Petrodyne, India, Vaalco, USA, Hyundai, South Korea.	
International Petroleum Corporation (IPC), Dubai.	
Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), India, Olympic, USA, Grasso, USA.	
Enpro Services, India, Walter International, USA, Mosbacher Co., USA, Nuevo Energy Inc., USA.	

(b) The economics of the development of these fields by ONGC was considered to be marginal.

(c) The names of companies to whom Mukta, Panna and Ravva oil fields have been awarded along with salient terms and conditions are given below :

Name of field	Name of company/consortium to whom awarded
Mukta and Panna	Enron, USA - Reliance Industries, India
Ravva	Command Petroleum India Pty. Ltd. Australia, Videocon Petroleum Ltd., New Delhi, Ravva Oil (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. Singapore.

These fields would be developed through joint ventures between Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., (ONGCL) on the one hand and the private companies on the other. ONGC would take a 40% share in the venture. Companies would also be required to bear their share of statutory levies like royalty, cess, etc. Foreign companies involved in oil exploration would be levied income-tax at a fixed rate of 50% while Indian companies would be governed by the relevant provisions of the Income-tax. In addition private companies would share profit oil with the Government.

Supply of Oil

831. SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the present demand and supply of oil and natural gas in the country annually, State-wise;

(b) whether the oil and natural gas production is sufficient to meet the requirement of the country; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to increase the production and reduce the import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) The demand for petroleum products during 1996-97 is estimated at 78.4 MMT. This demand is proposed to be met through indigenous production which is estimated at 61.49 MMT. Balance quantity is proposed to be covered through imports.

(b) and (c). As the production of oil is not sufficient to meet the requirement, the shortfall is met through imports. With a view to achieve self-sufficiency in refining capacity, the Govt. has permitted setting up of refineries in the Public, joint and private sector and expansion of existing refineries. The Govt. has also offered medium and small sized oil fields to private/foreign parties for the production of crude oil under Production Sharing Contracts.

LPG Refill Cylinders

832. SHRI G.M. KUNTURKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether severe shortage of LPG refill cylinders is currently persisting in many areas of North India due to delay on part of the Union Government in importing the required LPG in right time; the action being taken by the Government to tackle the situation; and

(b) the action taken against the officials responsible for delay in import of LPG causing inconvenience to millions of people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU):

(a) and (b). The demand of the existing consumers of LPG in the country including North India, who are enrolled with the distributors of public sector oil companies, is by and large being met in full at present. Temporary backlogs that may arise are cleared by augmenting LPG supplies through operation of bottling plants for extended hours and on holidays and by arranging supplies from bottling plants in adjoining areas. Temporary shortage, experienced in Sept.-Oct., 96 has been generally overcome in different markets.

With the commissioning of new LPG import facilities in Mangalore and Kandla recently, the availability of LPG in the country has improved. These facilities are expected to stabilise by January, 1997, from where higher imports of LPG in the country, will be possible.

[Translation]

Petrol Pumps

833. SHRI CHITRASEN SINKU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of scheduled tribe persons in Bihar Orissa, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh who have been issued licences for petrol pumps and LPG agency during last three years;